

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of Emergency Communications  
by Amateur Radio and Impediments to  
Amateur Radio Communications

**FCC Docket No. GN-12-91**

By W. Lee McVey, P.E. W6EM

To: The Commission

**REPLY TO THE COMMENTS OF KATHY WILLCOX**

I offer the following in Reply to the Brief Comment of Ms. Kathy Willcox in the above captioned proceeding. This Reply is offered at this time since there is not a formal Reply Date in this proceeding and a response has not been received by the time of this filing to my Motion to request same filed May 4, 2012.<sup>1</sup>

1. Ms. Willcox alleges that a neighbor is causing disruption to various types of communications in what is apparently the Huntington Neighborhood<sup>2</sup> area of the city of

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<sup>1</sup> Motion for an Extension of Time to establish a formal Reply Date in this proceeding.

<sup>2</sup> A residential community in Waldorf, MD, surrounded by Huntington Circle parkway. Huntington Circle is essentially a loop that encompasses the area studied.

Waldorf, Maryland. Further, she claims that the neighbor has demonstrated rebellious, uncivilized behavior by “clear-cutting”<sup>3</sup> his property. She states that the individual is an amateur radio operator, yet offers no callsign or name for identification purposes. Ms. Willcox represents that she is “VP” (taken to mean Vice President) of her homeowner association, yet does not identify the association by name.<sup>4</sup> It is unknown whether or not she is officially representing the Huntington Neighborhood homeowner association in her comments.

2. Available satellite photo imagery of the Huntington Neighborhood area was examined via Google Maps. No “clear-cut” lots were observable within the apparent boundary of the Huntington Neighborhood. A virtual forest of what appear to be mature, native trees exists at the rear of all single-family residential lots in the Huntington Neighborhood. No large antennas were observable either directly, or via their shadows on rooftops or otherwise.

3. Twenty-three Amateur Service licensee street addresses were identified from the QRZ.com Internet Amateur Radio Database<sup>5</sup> within Ms. Willcox’s ZIP code, 20602.<sup>6</sup> Multiple licensees were noted at some locations. Aerial images of each licensee location were examined to determine relative location to Ms. Willcox’s residence. Only two

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<sup>3</sup> An expression taken to mean where virtually all trees and vegetation have been removed.

<sup>4</sup> The address of record and map data shows her residence to be within the Huntington Neighborhood community and its homeowner association is commonly known by that name.

<sup>5</sup> The database is an extraction from Commission Amateur Radio Service licensee data.

<sup>6</sup> Peartree Court, Piney Church Road, Willow View Place, Addison Court, Barksdale Avenue, Rivermont Drive, Lambeth Hill Drive, Newburgh Court, Seagrape Court, Windsor Park Court, Balfour Court, Hamlin Road, Folkstone Court, Wedgewood Place, Owens Drive, Lyon Court, Stone Avenue, Westmont Court, University Drive, Eagle Trace Court, Jefferson Road, Heathcote Road and Kempsford Field Place.

addresses were found proximate to Huntington Neighborhood.<sup>7</sup> Both were multi-family dwellings, being either apartments, townhomes or condominiums and not characteristic of other single-family residences within the community encompassed by Huntington Circle loop.

4. Hearing a radio operator talking over the telephone, is demonstrative of an improperly adjusted radio transmitter and antenna system. Moreover, such experiences are usually not the result of Amateur Radio Service licensee operations, but instead caused by Citizen's Band radio service operators who frequently utilize unlawful, high-power amplifiers. There is no licensee database with which to easily determine if a Citizen's Band licensee resides near Ms. Willcox.

5. Whatever the source of interference, Ms. Willcox should contact the Commission's Enforcement Bureau<sup>8</sup> in order for it to investigate and determine the exact source and type of interference and seek a resolution to the problem.

6. Also, the alleged misbehavior of a member of the Huntington Neighborhood homeowner association is a matter for either the board of directors of her homeowner association or a Maryland court of competent jurisdiction to resolve, not the Commission. As a former board member in two homeowner associations, I participated in several remedial actions that were affected by both boards and resolved in favor of the associations, usually at the offending party's expense. All actions were taken in

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<sup>7</sup> Heathcote Road and Kempsford Field Place, both near Huntington Circle and appear to be townhouses, cluster homes, or apartments.

<sup>8</sup> Ms. Laura L. Smith, Esq., Special Counsel, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, Ph. 717-338-2577.

accordance with authority granted through by-laws that were part of the respective conditions, covenants, and restrictions of each homeowner association.

I wish Ms. Willcox success in resolving her complaint and other issues she may have with respect to her Huntington Neighborhood.

Respectfully Submitted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012



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This is to attest that on the 11th of May, 2012, the undersigned placed a true, signed copy of this Reply in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Paid, addressed to the location given in the Docket Record as follows:

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